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Chairman Biane Welcomes CTC's Prop 1B Decision

SAN BERNARDINO – San Bernardino County's infrastructure and economy will benefit tremendously from \$239 million worth of local transportation projects approved by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) Thursday, Board of Supervisors Chairman Paul Biane said.

After reviewing projects nominated for Prop. 1B funding, the CTC recommended \$118 million to revamp the I-15/I-215 interchange in Devore, \$68.4 million to rebuild the Cherry, Citrus and Riverside interchanges on I-10, and \$52.3 million for a slate of railroad grade separation projects on local roads. Prop 1 B was approved by 61% of voters in November 2006 to provide a \$19.9-billion infusion of bond money for critical transportation projects statewide. Prop. 1B requires the State Legislature to fund projects nominated by the CTC.

"These funds are exactly what the County needs to modernize our transportation system and relieve traffic congestion on the heavily traveled I-10, I-15, and I-215 corridors," Biane said. "Our region's multibillion-dollar goods movement economy depends on these critical freeways to move products flowing rapidly into area logistics facilities from the ports of L.A."

"The projects approved by the CTC are key to alleviating traffic congestion that holds San Bernardino County residents hostage day after day, stealing time people could be spending with their families, bettering themselves and their communities."

Local projects were nominated for funding by the San Bernardino Associated Governments Board of Directors (Sanbag), which includes 29 representatives from throughout the County. Sanbag also participated in developing a regional consensus list in conjunction with transportation officials from Riverside, Los Angeles, Orange and Ventura counties.

"It was difficult for the Board to whittle the County's many transportation needs down to a short list, but in the end, members came together and created a priority list that met the CTC's criteria," said Biane, who serves on the Sanbag Board of Directors. "We put some very

worthwhile projects on the bench, but those projects will get in the game once Measure I dollars are freed up by Prop 1B funds.”

Measure I is a half-cent sales tax used for San Bernardino County transportation projects. Eighty percent of voters approved a 30-year extension of Measure I in 2004. The extended measure is expected to generate \$6 billion in transportation funding before it sunsets in 2040.

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